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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Rural Health Day.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. O'HALLERAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to  
the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Rural Health  
Day.

Whereas about 60,000,000 hard-working individuals in the  
United States live in rural communities;

Whereas rural individuals in the United States are increas-  
ingly facing barriers to accessing the health care services  
they need;

Whereas rural health facilities in the United States have  
faced systemic challenges, including low reimbursements,  
physician workforce shortages, and difficulty accessing  
certain technologies like telehealth;

Whereas these challenges have contributed to 138 rural hos-  
pital closures since 2010;

Whereas these challenges have made it more difficult for all rural health care facilities to keep their doors open and serve patients;

Whereas National Rural Health Day was established to emphasize the importance of rural areas of the United States and recognize the efforts and contributions to address the unique challenges in rural health care;

Whereas the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health has recognized National Rural Health Day the third Thursday of each November since 2010; and

Whereas National Rural Health Day will be celebrated this year on November 18, 2021: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of National  
3       Rural Health Day;

4               (2) celebrates rural health care providers and  
5       the millions of individuals in the United States they  
6       serve; and

7               (3) expresses commitment to advancing policy  
8       to improve health care accessibility and affordability  
9       in rural areas of the United States.